

(a) the areas in which Indo-Maldives joint collaborations have been set up; and

(b) the programme drawn up to expand trade relations between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There are at present no Joint Collaborations between the two countries.

(b) Under the bilateral Trade Agreement of 1981, India has offered to supply various essential commodities to the Maldives. At Economic and Technical Co-operation, held in New Delhi on March 2-3, 1992, it was agreed that an Indian Trade Exhibition would be held in 1992-93 to boost commercial and economic exchange Possibilities for joint collaboration in deep sea fishing, tourism and hotel industry and setting up of export-oriented units in Maldives were also identified.

#### **Export of Gold and Silver Jewellery**

3935. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the export of gold and silver jewellery;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the countries to which export is being made; and

(c) the total amount of foreign exchange earned by exporting gold and silver jewellery during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government has notified various schemes to increase the export of gold and silver jewellery in the Current Import-Export Policy in Chapter XXI-Part II. The principal markets for gold and silver jewellery and UAE, Ku-

wait, UK, Dubai and USA.

(c) The total amount of foreign exchange earned by exporting gold and non-gold jewellery (including silver jewellery) during the last three years are as follows:

*(Value in Rs. Crores)*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Gold and non-gold jewellery (Including silver jewellery)</i>
1988-89	171.13
1989-90	296.44
1990-91	179.26
1991-92	379.26
(Apr-Jan)	523.91 (Prov.)

(Source: GJEPC)

#### **Sanctioned Strength of Posts of Judges in High Courts**

3936. SHRI DHARMABIKSHAM: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sanctioned posts of Judges and Additional Judge of High Courts particularly in Andhra Pradesh High Court as on date, Court-wise;

(b) the date since when these posts are vacant, Court-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase its strength to meet the requirements for early disposal of pending cases in these Courts;

(d) the beak-up of existing Judges/